

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 788

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Miss Shalena Parker, of Monterey High School, recipient of the 2000 USAA Math Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Miss Shalena Parker of Monterey High School is one such exceptional student who recently was named a United States National Award Winner in Mathematics by the United State Achievement Academy (USAA); and

WHEREAS, the award is a prestigious honor that few students can ever hope to attain; fewer than ten percent of all American high school students are selected for recognition by the USAA; and

WHEREAS, Shalena was selected from a noteworthy group of nominees; selection is based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors; the criteria for nomination include academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, and dependability; and

WHEREAS, nominated by MHS teacher, Denette Kolby, Shalena has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students of Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this remarkable accomplishment, Miss Parker will appear in the nationally published USAA Official Yearbook; and

WHEREAS, Shalena's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Miss Parker's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Shalena Parker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor 2000 United States National Award Winner in Mathematics, Shalena Parker of Monterey High School, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.